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Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS, \$500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRINTERS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSON.
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LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Debtors granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1440

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Deposit in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balance.

Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which may be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January, and beginning of July.

5.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is made on Hongkong Savings' Bank business forwarded by the various Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

6.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, \$2,000,000
PAID-UP, \$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE bank receives Money on Deposit, and safe Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and remits Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

HONGKONG PHARMACY
25, LYNDHURST TERRACE,
WOODFORD & CO.

H. B. WOODFORD,
Medical Practitioner,
26, LYNDHURST TERRACE,
Hongkong, July 10, 1885. 1160

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

WE HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED ourselves in Hongkong as MERCHANTS and COMMISSION AGENTS, under the style or Firm of 'ABRAHAM EZEKIEL & Co.', in connection with Mr. SHOOKER ABRAHAM in Bombay.

ABRAHAM EZEKIEL & Co.
Hongkong, September 28, 1885. 1701

NOTICE.

M. R. JAMES DUKE MONRO is authorized to sign our Firm.
BRADLEY & CO.
Swatow, 22nd September, 1885. 1663

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd Proximo, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year 1884, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to the 2nd Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

N. J. EDE, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1885. 1650

HONGKONG, CANTON and MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE HONAM will make a TRIP to MACAO and back on SUNDAY, the 4th October, leaving Hongkong at 8 a.m., and MACAO at 10 p.m. First Class Fare to Macao and back, \$2. No Second Class Chinese Servants, 50 Cents each way.

Excursionists are requested to provide themselves with CASH for the Payment of their Fares, as upon this occasion Chita will not be accepted.

Refreshments will be supplied on Board, but no Meals.

By Order,

T. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Hongkong, September 28, 1885. 1687

J. E. YES' DISINFECTANTS.

THE PERFECT PURIFIER.

THE Best and Cheapest DISINFECTANT and CLEANSER. In Cases of 1 dozen 8-oz. Bottles, and in 1 and 2 Gallon Drums.

SANITARY POWDER.

In Boxes of 1 dozen 2-lb Tins.

The above are recommended by the local Sanitary Board.

Apply to

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, September 18, 1885. 1633

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the CHINA STEAM REFINERY COMPANY, LIMITED, can be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, PEEL STREET, at the same prices as at the REFINERY, or RETAIL Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the REFINERY at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.
Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

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Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

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NOTICE.

FOR the

THE CHINA MAIL

No. 6320.—October 1, 1885.

Books for Sale.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
ARE NOW LANDING
DEVOE'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE
OIL.

HITCHCOCK MECHANICAL
'NO CHIMNEY'
LAMP.

STUDENTS' LAMP.
FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

MACKENZIE & MACKENZIE'S
BISCUITS.

NEW SEASON'S TEA,
in 5 or 10 Catty Boxes.

YELLOW GOSHAW BUTTER,
in 5 or 10 lb. Tins.

CONDENSED MILK.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.

COOKING STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE.

Milner's FIRE PROOF SAFES.

Do. CASH AND PAPER
BOXES.

ALLEN & GENTER'S
TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.

BEER AND PORTER
in
Hogheads.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of

OILMAN'S STORES,
AND

WINES,

at the lowest possible price
FOR CASH.

MacEwen, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1519

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been nominated
by Special Appointment of the COMMERCIAL
AGENTS for the FOREIGN
BUSINESS of HIS EXCELLENCY the
VICEROY of CHIHILLI.

RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1373

In the Matter of the Estate of Sir HARRY SMITH PARKES, Knight Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, lately Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to His Majesty the Emperor of China, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or against the Estate of the said Sir HARRY SMITH PARKES, who died in Peking, in the Empire of China, on the 22nd day of March, 1885, and Letters of Administration to which Estate were granted by the Successors of Hongkong, in the Pro-hete Jurisdiction to the Undersigned, the Executors named in the Will of the Deceased, are hereby required to send in writing to the Undersigned, on or before the 31ST DAY of October, 1885, the full Particulars of their Claims or Demands.

And Notice is hereby given that as soon as possible after the Expiration of the period above mentioned, the Undersigned will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Sir HARRY SMITH PARKES, Deceased, amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the Claims of which he shall then have had Notice and that he will not be liable for the Assets or any part thereof so distributed to any Person or Persons of whose Claims or Claims he shall not have had Notice at the time of the distribution.

All Persons INDEBTED to the Estate are requested to make immediate Payment to the Undersigned.

Dated in Hongkong, the 18th day of July, 1885.

W. KESWICK.

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

AURORA, British barque, Capt. Pottet.
Kwong Cheong Tyee.

B. H. STEENKEN, German brig, Captain
Chr. Meyer—Mellehors & Co.

CORINTHIAN, British steamer, Captain
John Hollis—Who Lee Co.

EDWARD MAY, American barque, Capt.
C. A. Johnson—Russell & Co.

KILMARNOCK, British steamer, Captain
H. O'Neill—Captain.

MOUNT LEBANON, British barque, Capt.
Chas. H. Nelson—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

PSYCHE, French barque, Capt. Serrain,
Carlowitz & Co.

TRITAN, American ship, Capt. C. H. Allyn,
Russell & Co.

VENTURA, Spanish barque, Capt. Uriasandi,
Remedios & Co.

WHEATCROFT, British steamer, Captain A.
Stonehouse—Russell & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
Manager, NEIL O'BRIEN.

Return of the
FAMOUS AND POPULAR
ASCOTTE OPERA COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT, 1st October,
OFFENBACH'S DELIGHTFUL COMIC OPERA
'MADAME FAVART.'

REOPENING OF
MISS EVA DAVENPORT,
MISS FLORENCE SEYMOUR,
Miss Carrie Hubert, Miss Stella,
Miss Blanch Thompson, Miss Kate Ashton.

MR. EDWARD FARLEY,
Mr. VERNON REID,
Mr. CHAS. TYRRELL,
Mr. E. Scott, Mr. F. Beaumont,
Mr. Jules Malcolm, Mr. E. Frank,

MR. NEIL O'BRIEN,
SIGNOR VALENZA.

SATURDAY, 3rd October,
The original and only legitimate version of
'BOC ACCIO.'

As played by the ASCOTTEES and received
with the wildest enthusiasm wherever
produced.

Box Plan now open at KELLY & WATSON'S
(LIMITED).
Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1718

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

October 1, 1885.

Denters, German steamer, 1,193, A. E.
Liethen, Nagasaki September 2, Coal.

H. J. H. Tarr.

Cromarty, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Niappa, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Kong Bong, British steamer, 862, R.

Jones, Bangkok September 23, General—

Yew Fat Ho.

Tevo, British steamer, 1,030, A. George,
Bangkok Sept. 24, Rice, &c. ANTHONY

KANGKOK & Co.

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DEPARTURES.

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Quaria, for Whampoa.

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Asia, for Samarang.

Scrapes, for Swatow and Amoy.

Suzee, for Nagasaki.

Phra Chon Kiao, for Swatow and Bangkok.

Phra Arub, for Singapore.

Orus, for Shanghai.

Tang, for Yokohama.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1719

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested
to send in to this Office a List of their
Contributions of Premium for the year end-
ing 31st December last, in order that the
PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year
to be paid as BONUS to Contributors may be
arranged. Returns not sent in before the
30th November next will be made up by the
Company, and no subsequent Claims or
Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1714

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED my-
self as GENERAL BROKER and
COMMISSION AGENT, specially of CHI-
NESE Goods from Canton.

F. X. DA CRUZ,
No. 3, St. Stanton-Street.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1722

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamship
Ningpo,
Captain W. Potts, will
be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 2nd Inst.,
at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SEIMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1721

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND
TAIWANFOO.
The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
Captain Pocock, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on SUNDAY, the 4th Instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LA PRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1716

FOR SWALLOW, SINGAPORE AND
BANGKOK.
The SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Company's Steamer
Kong Bong,
Captain R. Jones, will
be despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th
Instant, at 8 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUN FAT HONG,
Agents.
Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1720

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Phra Arub, for Singapore.

Kong Bong (2), for Sydney and Melbourne.

Meunur (2), for Sydney and Melbourne.

Benarang (2), for Sydney and Melbourne.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

OCTOBER 1, 1885.

Stocks. Nos. of
Volts. Paid
up. POSITION FOR LAST REPORT
Balances & forward.

BANKS. 120,000 \$ 125 \$ 4,500,000

INSURANCES. 5,000 \$ 50 \$ 50,000

YUNG-CHI INSURANCE CO., LTD. 2,000 \$ 25 \$ 50,000

UNION INSURANCE CO., LTD. 12,000 \$ 125 \$ 62,000

CHINA TRADES INSURANCE CO., LTD. 24,000 \$ 33 \$

THE CHINA MAIL.

No. 6920.—OCTOBER 1, 1885.]

This afternoon, a number of the members of the foreign community were, by special invitation, granted an opportunity of visiting and inspecting the magnificent new steamer *Frantic*, which will leave here on Saturday for San Francisco. The splendid fittings and general equipment of the steamer were greatly admired.

The new, or perhaps more properly speaking, the enlarged Police Station at Hung-ham has now been handed over by the Surveyor General to the Police for occupation. The alterations and additions to the old buildings are not yet, we understand, quite completed, but the station is now fit for the accommodation of at least a portion of the Police-staff, several of the members of which have for some time past been temporarily quartered in a house in the village. One European sergeant and two constables, together with four Sikhs and four Chinese constables, have been to-day moved into the new station.

Mr. Prosch, in his *Nanchang Freight Report*, dated the 16th September, 1885, says—My last circular was dated the 31st ultimo. The freight business has been comparatively lively, and the general aspect of the market showed off much better than during the preceding two weeks; hardly 12 cents had been obtainable then, but the rates improved daily, and there are to report two charters, closed now, viz.: British bark *Batavia*, to Matzu (Fuchow or Amoy) 18 cents; 20 lay days. British bark *Helena*, to Swatow, 16 cents, 20 lay days. Another vessel, however, on the spot is wanted for Shanghai, and 16 cents might be paid; further, a steamer for Swatow at 16 cents per picul, which is above the rate of the last Swatow charter effected. The new bean crop will be down from the interior in about three weeks time, when there will be most probably better freights offering.

For the cholera statistics for the entire year of Nagasaki, it appears that the week ending Sept. 23d, again compares most favourably in every respect with the figures for the previous period; whilst in the town of Nagasaki the disease may now be considered all but extinct, as only 67 new cases (or an average of 9.5 per day) have occurred. As compared with the week ending the 13th ult., the week now reported shows a decrease of 308 new cases; a diminution of 163 in the number of deaths, and an increase of 40 recoveries. On the island of Takashima there had been no new cases for several days, and all those under treatment are expected to recover. The figures given are very significant, and showed the deadly nature of the epidemic. Out of 2458 new cases, 1330 ended fatally, and 246 cases recovered.

We hear that the matter of the refusal by H. E. the Viceroy of Canton (Chang-ching-tung) to permit the German Consul to proceed up the river in a steam-launch, has been referred to Peking. It appears that the manner in which the permission was withheld was even more discourteous than our correspondent described. Permission was asked on the Wednesday, it being intended that the Consul should start on the following Friday evening. No notice was taken of the request until about 8 p.m. of the starting day, when a letter forbidding the trip was received by the Consul. Steam had by the hour been got up on board the steamer, but was met with a polite but positive refusal on their part to do anything, as it was in their opinion a matter for the owners to decide, and under these circumstances there was nothing for our friends to do but to be guided by caution in their further action assisted by the best legal advice.

We notice that the signatories of the letter called themselves 'Consignees a.s. Yorkshire.' We presume they mean consignees of cargo by a.s. Yorkshire, as the Union Line Agents, Messrs. Russell & Co., are the consignees of the a.s. Yorkshire.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to the *Nagasaki Express* from Chemulpo, Korea, on the 17th instant, says—

The telegraph line has been commenced in the direction from here towards the cap. Tsoi.

This working party of 100 goes as far as the Yalo River, where they connect their line with the one of another party, working from the Yalo River in the direction of Mount, Tsoi, which is connected directly to the line from Nanchang.

Post Arthur, and Peking. There are five ports to cross by cable between here and the Yalo River. Two offices of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, Messrs. Schieren & Milleben, superintend the construction of that section of the line between here and the Yalo.

I hear the Italians have asked and ob-

tained 12 months' extension of the period,

in which their treaty with Corea may be ratified; the Russians also have declined to ratify their treaty concluded last year with this country, on account of the British

occupation of Port-Hamilton. I am told

it can hardly be expected that Russians

will admit the idea of a British Naval

Station under their very nose, so close to

Vladivostok.

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Russia is inclined to advise caution as to the engagements to be entered into by Turkey, in view of a possible overthrow of the conservatives. France desires to see Egypt freed from a British occupation, and I am rightly informed a strong section of French politicians would incline to maintain that no stability was to be expected in Egyptian affairs unless based on a return purely and simply to the *status quo* and *condonatium*—namely, the condition of things according to the firmans of 1841, which, if agreed to by the British Government, would not be opposed on the part of the Porte on any strong ground, and would meet with the support of French opinion.

There is just a shadow of possibility that the *status quo* referred to in the telegram of the 20th Sept., may be the *status quo ante* condonatium mentioned in the above summary, which has reference to Egypt. The Salisbury Ministry may be desirous of meeting the views of France & of Turkey; but it is doubtful whether any English Cabinet will ever seek to restore any *status quo* which will lessen the hold which England now has on Egypt, or will furnish an opportunity for France to again assume the position she voluntarily renounced. England may evacuate Egypt and give way to Turkey, but she dare not do so for any other power.

The Conference of the Representatives of the Great Powers at Constantinople is likely to have some extremely delicate matters to settle. Lord Salisbury, it will be remembered, was a member of the Berlin Congress, and must therefore be presumed to take a special interest in this gathering of Ambassadors at Constantinople, which will be called upon, it would seem, to sanction several material modifications in the Berlin Treaty of 1878. It does not seem clear what Greece and Servia can fairly claim by way of indemnification because of the union of Bulgaria and Roumelia. The personal alliance of the King of Greece is supplemented by a sum of £12,000, paid (£2400 each) by Great Britain, France, and Russia. Servia's independence was established by the Berlin Treaty, while that of Greece was declared as early as 1830. Still the fact that claims are being put forward even by these kingdoms which are absolutely free, while it is announced that Roumania joins Greece and Servia in an agreement to oppose Russian rule in the united Bulgaria, clearly shows that a ferment has occurred in South-Eastern Europe which may lead to grave consequences.

Roumania is the kingdom founded by the old provinces of Moldavia and Wallachia joined into one. Prince Alexander, of the two Bulgarias, although desirous of assuring the Sultan of the tranquillity of his united Kingdom, appears to be perfectly secure in the possession of the new territory which he has so enthusiastically called upon to govern. From the following paragraph, it would seem that a general rearrangement of rights and titles is contemplated. It says—

A correspondent is assured that one of the results of the Kreisler meeting will be the final and complete annexation of Bosnia and the Herzegovina to the Austrian Empire, Russia and Turkey having signified that they had no objection to the measure. Baron von Kallay, who visits the occupied province every year, and who well understands the art of preparing the ground for the realisation of such a project, has caused it to be announced that the occasion of the Emperor's journey to Ossinian and Sazaria a native delegation had been to the port of Fiume, and that the Viceroy would forbid so innocent a proceeding. Next morning the Consul sent in a remonstrance, but as the Viceroy pooh-poohed all precedents or more leases on the part of his predecessors, the matter was at once referred to Peking.

We hear that the matter of the refusal by H. E. the Viceroy of Canton (Chang-ching-tung) to permit the German Consul to proceed up the river in a steam-launch, has been referred to Peking. It appears that the manner in which the permission was withheld was even more discourteous than our correspondent described. Permission was asked on the Wednesday, it being intended that the Consul should start on the following Friday evening. No notice was taken of the request until about 8 p.m. of the starting day, when a letter forbidding the trip was received by the Consul. Steam had by the hour been got up on board the steamer, but was met with a polite but positive refusal on their part to do anything, as it was in their opinion a matter for the owners to decide, and under these circumstances there was nothing for our friends to do but to be guided by caution in their further action assisted by the best legal advice.

We notice that the signatories of the letter called themselves 'Consignees a.s. Yorkshire.' We presume they mean consignees of cargo by a.s. Yorkshire, as the Union Line Agents, Messrs. Russell & Co., are the consignees of the a.s. Yorkshire.

A CORRESPONDENT writing to the *Nagasaki Express* from Chemulpo, Korea, on the 17th instant, says—

The telegraph line has been commenced in the direction from here towards the cap. Tsoi.

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Post Arthur, and Peking. There are five ports to cross by cable between here and the Yalo.

I hear the Italians have asked and ob-

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The native Christians were killed by tens of thousands, the churches and schools were destroyed, and, finally, the only living Christian communities suffered much from starvation and misery during the years that elapsed between the loss of Hangchow, the re-capture of Nanking, and the end of Taipingdom.

What the numbers of priests and converts were before 1852 I do not know, but the figures greatly exceed the last made return, which states that the Catholic church of the old Line has of which we happen to be the leading brokers and part owners here, we will say in fairness to insert our reply to same.

1st—*Yorkshire* (a.s.) was not nearly three

months on the voyage from Hamburg to Singapore—she left the Elbe on the 10th Dec. 1884, and reached Singapore on 9th Feb. 1885, which is 51 days (under two months).

2nd—This steamer happens to belong to

our friends Messrs. W. H. Tindall & Co.,

whose name and reputation in London are sufficient guarantees that those having business transactions with this firm will meet with nothing but fairness and courtesy; and all arrangements in connection with this unfortunate business of the contraband of wine landed from this steamer at Singapore were made after the most careful consideration on the part of the owners of the ship, not only with regard to their responsibility but also with regard to their responsibility of the safety of the passengers and crew.

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Archos	Brit. bge.	
Eng Lee	Siam. bge.	
Gulf of Suez	Brit. str.	
Lido	Brit. str.	
Quaria	Ger. str.	
Yungching	Chi. str.	

CANTON

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Fungahun	Chi. str.	Hongkong
Mary Anna	Brit. str.	Hongkong
Milton	Brit. str.	Hongkong

MACAO

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Kiang-ping	Amer. str.	Canton

SWATOW

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Kwongtung	British	
Seewo	British	
Swatow	British	

AMOY

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Fokion	British	
Oopack	British	
Strathleven	British	New York
Cuthona	Br. Sim. str.	Newchwang
Loong Wha	Brit. bge.	Foochow
Louise	Ger. str.	Newchwang
Mary Stewart	Brit. bge.	Newchwang
Omega	Brit. bge.	Newchwang

FOOCHOW

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
In port on September 29, 1885.		
MERCHANT STEAMERS.		
Metfoo	Chinese	
Nanning	British	
Price	British	
Suez	British	

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Claro Bahyan	Brit. bge.	
G. H. Wappau	Brit. bge.	
Hedwig	Brit. bge.	
Hugo & Otto	Norw. bge.	
Amity	Brit. bge.	
Leander	Brit. str.	

SHANGHAI

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
In port on September 26, 1885.		
MERCHANT STEAMERS.		
Activa	German	
Altmoner	British	
Amoy	British	
Analys	French	Hongkong, &c.
Angers	British	
Anobis	British	London
Ashington	British	
De Hay	British	
Dencaul	British	
Djennah	British	
El Dorado	British	Chooch, &c.
Fung-shan	Chinese	Hankow, &c.
Gillie	British	
Glenriddell	British	London, &c.
Gloucestria	British	
Kwang-ye	Chinese	
Kiang-yung	Chinese	
Kungho	British	
Ngankin	British	Tientsin
Pao Han	British	
Planimeller	British	Hongkong
Rory	British	Hongkong
Rosetta	British	London, &c.
Stora Nordica	Danish	
Straits of Gibral	British	
Sial	British	Hankow, &c.
Waverley	British	
Wha-on	British	
Ying	British	

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Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Advance	Siam. bge.	
Chihaya Maru	Japan. bge.	
Chingtah	Chi. bge.	Laid up
Doretta	Siam. bge.	
Grandes	Amer. str.	
Gronsvet	Norw. bge.	
John Potts	Brit. bge.	
Mercur	Brit. bge.	
Sea Swallow	Brit. bge.	
Wallase	Brit. str.	
Wand	Minstr. Dr. Sim.	

NAGASAKI

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Kozaki Maru	Japan. bge.	

YOKOHAMA

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
In port on September 19, 1885.		
Androcles	Brit. bge.	
Artisan	Brit. bge.	
Big Banana	Amer. str.	
Chateaubriand	Brit. bge.	
Frances	Ger. bge.	
Guam	Brit. bge.	
Penelope	Brit. bge.	

HIOGO

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
In port on September 1, 1885.		
Annia	Amer. str.	
Emily	Brit. str.	
Hidero Maru	Jan. bge.	
Hudson	Brit. str.	
Queen Emma	Brit. bge.	
St. Cloud	Brit. str.	
T. Ringer	Ger. str.	

MANILA

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
In port on September 2, 1885.		
Antoinette	Brit. bge.	Hongkong
Commonwealth	Brit. str.	
Dawn	Brit. bge.	
India	Span. bge.	
Indonesia	Brit. str.	
Iolaitha	Brit. str.	
Mabel Taylor	Amer. bge.	
Malearia	Amer. str.	
Nervion	Span. bge.	
Rajah	Ger. str.	
Shima Lee	Brit. bge.	

ILIOILO

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
Belle of Oregon	Amer. bge.	Borneo
C. D. Bryant	Amer. bge.	United States
Wildwood	Amer. bge.	United States
Willa	Amer. str.	

CEBU

Vessel's Name	Flag & Rig.	Destination
J. C. Pendleton	Amer. bge.	